



Lowell Everett Crow

October 2, 1935 - April 15, 2021

LOWELL EVERETT CROW was born on October 2, 1935 and passed from this life on April 15, 2021. He was born in Huntington, Indiana to Reverend Lauren E. Crow and Alma Juanita Whitehead Crow. Both parents are now deceased.

Lowell graduated from Greentown, Indiana High School in 1953 and was awarded the ROTC Navy Scholarship to Purdue where he studied electrical engineering. He enlisted in the U.S. Army and served in the Southern European Task Force in Italy as a specialist with the Honest John Rocket. After an honorable discharge from military service, he was employed by RCA in Marion, Indiana. He married Sondra Kay Leach in July, 1960 and they were blessed with two children, Lowell David Crow (Gwen) Centralia, IL and Mariesa Louise Crow (James Drewniak) Columbia Falls, MT, who gave them their beloved grandsons: David Drewniak, Jacob Drewniak, Christopher Crow and Michael Crow. Lowell leaves a brother, Larry Crow (Helen), of Greentown, Indiana, three nieces and their five children plus cousins from both sides of his parents' families.

Upon completing his EE degree at Purdue, Lowell returned to RCA as an engineer in the quality control lab for the color picture tube (television) division. He was transferred to Pennsylvania where he participated in setting up the lab in a new plant in the Scranton area and then was moved to the RCA plant in Lancaster, PA. After 8 ½ years with RCA, Lowell decided to return to school for his MBA. He was accepted in the marketing department at the Indiana University School of Business. While at IU he also completed his Doctorate of Business Administration.

After graduating from IU, Lowell joined the faculty at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan, where he served as professor and then chair of the marketing department of the Haworth College of Business. He enjoyed being a professor and the fellowship with his students. When he became Associate Dean, he continued in the classroom for the joy of teaching. He fulfilled 26 years of service to Western Michigan University, then he and his wife retired to Rolla, Missouri to be near their daughter and her family. He continued consulting work with the U.S. Defense Logistics Agency until he was diagnosed with Parkinson's movement disorder in 2005 and was no longer able to travel. Lowell was a member of Presbyterian Churches, in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, in Kalamazoo, Michigan and in Rolla, Missouri. He served as treasurer for the Rolla Church.

He was active in Kiwanis and served as president of the Rolla noon club and as Lt Governor of the 10th District of the Missouri/Arkansas Division of Kiwanis International. In retirement, Lowell and his wife enjoyed travels to Asia, Europe, South American and elsewhere, visiting 27 different countries. They also enjoyed cruising, taking seven voyages with Princess Cruise Lines. Lowell always said he was following the advice of a colleague who told him, "travel as long as your health and your money hold out!" The last best cruise was to the Greek Isles and Italy to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with their daughter, Mariesa and her family. Their son, Lowell, was a Naval Academy graduate and spent 30 years as an officer in the Navy which gave opportunities to attend many memorable events with him and his family.

Lowell and his wife, Sondra, moved to Bloomington, Indiana in 2014 to live in the Meadowood Retirement Community where they were residing when he passed away. They enjoyed new friendships and appreciated the security of living there.

Lowell has donated his brain for Parkinson's research to the Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, Missouri. Memorial contributions to American Parkinson Disease Association would be appreciated. A private family memorial service and internment will be at the Marion National Cemetery in Marion, Indiana.

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory have been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at <http://www.allencares.com>

Comments



“ To Sondra and the Crow family; I just found out about Dr. Lowell Crow's passing. I was one of the many, many students who were in one Dr. Crow's classes at Western Michigan University in the latter 1980's. He was by far my favorite professor there. I really enjoyed his teaching style; he would stop lecturing and give us a "real world example" of the concept and how it would be useful. I found that teaching style made even a difficult course very interesting and practical. Dr. Crow also told us that we could call him in the evening (as long as it wasn't too late) if we needed help on something from his class and I did that one time before a big test. Dr. Crow also invited a few people from some companies to come into the class for a brief Q&A about working there after graduation. One time when Pepsi came to town, the recruiter told me that Dr. Crow had recommended them to speak with me regarding a summer internship. Dr. Crow has made a positive influence on me in the way I observe things, how I solve problems, and how I train other co-workers. I'm deeply sorry for your loss and I pray that God will help you through this difficult time.

Walter Wu - June 15 at 11:55 AM



“ I wanted to share my thoughts and sympathy with you in the loss of your husband, Sondra. I last saw you at Colonial Oaks at the celebration of your sister's birthday. I remember your husband's parents being at Greentown and your family being at Fowler, of course. I pray God will comfort you and your family.

Frieda Harris Weaver - May 05 at 12:28 PM



“ I taught in the College of Business during the period Lowell was Department Chair and Associate Dean. I was proud to call him a friend. He was an outstanding teacher and colleague. His smile was infectious and he was a perfect gentleman. My sincere condolences to his family.

Tom Edmonds
Sheriff, Kalamazoo County, Retired

Tom Edmonds - April 23 at 02:32 PM



“ Sondra, It will always be a special memory for me of all us gathering for lunch in Columbus, IN over 2 years ago, including Aunt Evie and Carol. That was such a happy and fun Leach gathering. Fond memories of Lowell and his happy nature will remain in my heart. Blessings to you at this sad time. Cousin Jacki



Jacki Frey - April 21 at 09:25 AM



“ Lowell, your dad was an outstanding person. I enjoyed talking to him over the years during wrestling seasons. I'm sure he left an outstanding impression on you and your sister and your families.
Sorry for your loss!
Garry & Nancy Hopkins

Garry Hopkins - April 20 at 08:52 AM



“ Alan & Hope Gonick purchased the Dove Blanket for the family of Lowell Everett Crow.



Alan & Hope Gonick - April 18 at 01:24 PM